

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on February 23, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. A. Knudsen

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 533, 2/21/2017; HB 464, 2/16/2017; HB 552, 2/21/2017
Executive Action: HB 401, HB 439, HB 499, HB 501

HEARING ON HB 533

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:57 Rep. Virginia Court (D), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 533, Revise laws related to qualifications for and edu. of board of invest. members.

[EXHIBIT\(sth40a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth40a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:44 Rep. Brodehl

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:37 Karl Englund, Self

00:35:42 David Ewer, Montana Board of Investments (BOI)

00:40:10 Chair Mandeville

00:40:22 Rep. Karjala

00:40:27 Chair Mandeville

00:40:51 David Ewer, BOI

[EXHIBIT\(sth40a03\)](#)

00:42:33 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association- Montana Federation of Teachers, (MEA-MFT)

00:44:28 Jon Satre, Self

Informational Testimony:

00:46:57 John Harrington, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:33 Rep. Lenz

00:49:52 Rep. Brodehl

00:52:00 Rep. Karjala

00:53:11 Karl Englund, Self

00:56:25 Rep. Karjala

00:57:43 David Ewer, BOI

00:59:21 Rep. McKamey

00:59:44 David Ewer, BOI

00:59:59 Rep. McKamey

01:00:34 Chair Mandeville

01:00:59 David Ewer, BOI

01:02:00 Rep. Sales

01:02:25 Rep. Brodehl

01:02:50 John Harrington, LAD

01:03:36 Rep. Sales

01:03:45 John Harrington, LAD

01:03:51 Rep. Greef

01:05:02 John Harrington, LAD

01:06:20 Rep. Hayman

01:06:53 Karl Englund, Self

01:09:00 Rep. Bachmeier

01:10:46 John Harrington, LAD

01:11:01 Rep. McKamey
 01:11:42 David Ewer, BOI
 01:13:31 Rep. Fleming
 01:14:18 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT
 01:15:18 Rep. Custer
 01:16:29 David Ewer, BOI

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:52 Rep. Court

01:22:42 Recess

01:30:35 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 464

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:30:50 Rep. Janet Ellis (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 464, Generally revise laws related to the state employee pay plan.

[EXHIBIT\(sth40a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth40a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:42:51 Larry Nielsen, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
 01:46:56 Anjenette Schafer, Department of Administration (DOA)
 01:48:40 Tim Twardoski, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
 01:49:12 Quint Nyman, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:49:55 Jeremy Verhasselt, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)
 01:50:40 Marjorie Thomas, Department of Administration (DOA)
 01:51:05 Bonnie Shoemaker, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:51:38 Rep. Webb
 01:52:10 Rep. Ellis
 01:52:29 Bonnie Shoemaker, DOA
 01:52:36 Rep. Webb
 01:52:44 Bonnie Shoemaker, DOA
 01:52:55 Rep. McKamey
 01:53:24 Bonnie Shoemaker, DOA
 01:53:35 Rep. Shaw
 01:54:00 Rep. Ellis
 01:54:47 Rep. Custer
 01:55:26 Jeremy Verhasselt, LAD
 01:56:08 Rep. Custer
 01:56:21 Jeremy Verhasselt, LAD

01:56:41 Rep. McKamey
 01:57:05 Jeremy Verhasselt, LAD
 01:58:01 Rep. Shaw
 01:58:20 Bonnie Shoemaker, DOA
 01:59:29 Rep. Greef
 02:00:07 Bonnie Shoemaker, DOA
 02:00:38 Rep. Fleming
 02:02:38 Bonnie Shoemaker, DOA
 02:02:49 Rep. Hayman
 02:04:29 Rep. Ellis
 02:06:29 Rep. Shaw
 02:07:58 Rep. Ellis
 02:10:25 Rep. Staffanson
 02:10:49 Rep. Ellis
 02:11:29 Rep. Custer
 02:11:54 Bonnie Shoemaker, DOA
 02:11:58 Rep. Custer
 02:12:32 Bonnie Shoemaker, DOA
 02:12:43 Chair Mandeville
 02:12:57 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

02:17:22 Rep. Ellis

HEARING ON HB 552

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:18:21 Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 552
 Repeal English language only laws.

EXHIBIT(sth40a06)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:43:23 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
 (MCADSV)
 02:44:28 Garrett Lankford, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)
 02:44:54 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Administration-Montana Federation of Teachers
 (MEA-MFT)
 02:46:11 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Christians (MAC), Gallatin Valley
 Interfaith Alliance (GVIA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:47:58 Rep. Staffanson
 02:50:39 Eric Fever, MEA-MFT

Closing by Sponsor:

02:51:26 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

02:55:11 Chair Mandeville

02:56:07 Recess

03:16:55 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 401

03:17:17 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 401 DO PASS.**

03:17:26 **Motion:** Rep. Custer moved that **HB 401 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(sth40a07)

03:18:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

03:18:41 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 401 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

03:18:51 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 401 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(sth40a08)

Discussion:

03:21:05 Rep. Hayman

03:21:30 Rep. Bennett

03:22:11 Rep. Skees

03:23:04 Rep. Hayman

03:24:52 Chair Mandeville

03:25:10 Rep. Skees

03:25:52 Chair Mandeville

03:26:20 Rep. Skees

03:26:42 Rep. Bennett

03:28:03 Rep. Fleming

03:28:21 Rep. Custer

03:28:36 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

03:29:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Price, Rep. Staffanson, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

03:31:36 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 401 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

03:31:47 Rep. Fleming

03:32:35 Chair Mandeville

03:33:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Fleming, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Price, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 439

03:35:04 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 439 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

03:35:19 Rep. Bennett

03:36:19 Rep. Price

03:36:39 Rep. Garner

03:37:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Price, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 499

03:38:53 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 499 BE TABLED.**

03:39:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep. Skees voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 501

03:39:35 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 501 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

03:39:48 Rep. Hayman

03:41:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Price, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

03:42:57 Chair Mandeville

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:44:11

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth40aad.pdf](#))